

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 01, 2007**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on November 01, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Steve Earles

Absent:

Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Pam Candler, Application Specialist, and Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist

Administrative Staff Absent:

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda:

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive information pertaining to Applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcripts:

Applications: A-I (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

Abraham, Julie

Approved

Adams, Stacy R.	Approved
Adams, Torya S.	Approved
Akal, Hewitt E.	Approved
Alexa, Sandy	Approved
Allen, Chanda T.	Approved
Allen, Tamisha	Approved
Alma-Jose, Deborah	Approved
Almonor, Yolene	Approved
Anderson, Amy Lynn	Approved
Anderson, Lakymsha	Approved
Andrews, Dawn J.	Approved
J.M.A.	Approved Pending
Arias, Genessa	Approved
Arnett, Grace Ann	Approved
Aspinwall, Maureen	Approved
Baik, Young S.	Approved
Baker, TiTania Lynn	Approved
Banan, Sharon E.	Approved
Banks, Christopher A.	Approved
Barahona, Nancy B.	Approved
Barrett, Ruth	Approved
Barrow, Mary Elizabeth	Approved
Bates, Tameika Ann	Approved
Battle, Peyton T.	Approved
Baughman, Mary Lou	Approved
Beebe, Rebecca Ron	Approved
Bell, Chelsea S.	Approved
Bell, Michelle M.	Approved
Bellafaire, Kathleen	Approved
Bellinger, Bonnie L.	Approved
Berger, Lezlie	Approved
Bessent, Paige M.	Approved
Bhada-Sobers, Kathleen	Approved
Bible, Robert N.	Approved
Boateng, Yaw B.	Approved
S.B.B.	Approved Pending
Bologna, Heather	Approved
Bottoms, James C	Approved
Boucher, Alissa	Approved
Braun, Renee S.	Approved
Bria, Julie	Approved
D.N.B.	Approved Pending
Brooks, Natasha L.	Approved
Brown, Michele	Approved
Buckley, William (Jr)	Approved
Buckner, Ginger	Approved
Burch, Jacinta J.	Approved
Burdette, Robbin	Approved
Burton, Lisa Gail	Approved
Butler, Karliah	Approved
Bynum, Brandi	Approved

Cailiff, Amanda	Approved
Caldwell, Troy Mason	Approved
Calley, Gordon M.	Approved
Cameron, Ericka N.	Approved
Cameron, Lisa M.	Approved
Camp, Candace A.	Approved
Canady, Deborah	Approved
Carlan, Caitlin E.	Approved
Carr, Marcy Jenine	Approved
D.J.C.	Pending
Carter, Reshun	Approved
Chapman, Marvin Earl	Approved
Charles, Priyadarshini	Approved
Cheatham, Jeanette	Approved
Chennault, Geneva L.	Approved
Chester, Genina	Approved
Chilkuri, Virginia	Approved
Choi, John	Approved
Church, Elizabeth J.	Approved
Cilla, Lee V.	Approved
Clark, Angie R.	Approved
Clark, Tamara	Approved
Clark, Yvette	Approved
Clarke, Vikki	Approved
Clifton, Jennifer L.	Approved
Clue, Sharon Rose	Approved
J.A.C.	Pending
Coffeen, Shelly	Approved
T.C.	Approved Pending
Connell, Tonya	Approved
Conner, Laurie	Approved
Cope, Hollie Nicole	Approved
Copeman Tammy S.	Approved
Cotton, Cecil (II)	Approved
Cowan, Julia	Approved
Cox, Alys W.	Approved
Crane, Theodus (II)	Approved
Crenshaw, Johanna	Approved
Crosby, Toni Evette	Approved
Cunningham, Renee	Approved
B.D.	Pending
Daughtry, Claire C.	Approved
Davis, Christopher	Approved
Davis, Johnny (Jr)	Approved
Davis, Latifah O.	Approved
Davis, Roschel	Approved
A.M.D.	Approved Pending
Deakins, Debbie	Approved
DeCarlo, Linda	Approved
Dejoie, Anthony	Approved
R.D.	Approved Pending

Dillon, Keran	Approved
Dini, Donna Jo	Approved
Dixon, Terry L.	Approved
Dixson, Tamara J.	Approved
J.C.D.	Approved Pending
Dorce, Gretchen	Approved
Dorfman, Rachel	Approved
Dougan, Pamela	Approved
Dowler, Tracy E.	Approved
Dubois, Deborah	Approved
Duke, Clayton	Approved
Dyett, Donna R.	Approved
Eady, Jill	Approved
Eckhoff, Susan L.	Approved
Edwards, Alicia	Approved
Ehlinger, Germaine M.	Approved
Elbert, Latrice R.	Approved
Embler, Mark	Approved
Empoliti, Michelle	Approved
Englehardt, Kimberly	Approved
Estrada, Kum	Approved
Evans, Krista	Approved
Everett, Mitzi	Approved
J.F.	Approved Pending
Felts, Eboni J.	Approved
Fender, Melissa Ann	Approved
C.F.	Pending
Filip, Susan	Approved
Floyd, Carrie M.	Approved
Floyd, Mary	Approved
Fowler, Amy Marie	Approved
Franklin, Judy M.	Approved
Frye, Natelkka	Approved
Fujikawa, Lucas	Approved
Fuller, Cedrick	Approved
Fulton, Veronica N.	Approved
Garner, Joyce	Approved
Gates, Rachel J.	Approved
Gerbing, Joyce	Approved
Gibbs, Engrid J.	Approved
Gifford, Tracy	Approved
Giganti, Sam	Approved
Gilbert, Jennifer	Approved
Glen, Helen	Approved
Glenn, Laura A.	Approved
Gomez, Maria K.	Approved
Gravley, Deborah L.	Approved
Gray, Lori	Approved
Green, Christopher Lee	Approved
Green, Shelby Ann	Approved
Griffin, Charles Daniel	Approved

Griswell, Lisa Marie	Approved
Gurley, Salina	Approved
Guy, Melissa	Approved
Gwin, Whitney E.	Approved
Gwinn, Keisha M.	Approved
Hale, Nathan L.	Approved
Hale, Toni Shontress	Approved
Hall, Vicki Lynn	Approved
Halliburton, Shontail	Approved
Handschuh, Bryan	Approved
Haney, James B.	Approved
Hardin, Shenita	Approved
Harrelson, Jason N.	Approved
R.H.	Approved Pending
Harris, Sheila M.	Approved
Harrison, Christina	Approved
Harry, Twylia Renee	Approved
Hartsfield, Amanda	Approved
Haun, Douglas	Approved
Haver, Charles Ray	Approved
Hawkins, John E.	Approved
Hayes, Amy B.	Approved
Henderson, Caryn M.	Approved
Hens, Viviane	Approved
Henson, Charles	Approved
Herbert, Sheldon	Approved
Hernandez, Maria F.	Approved
A.H.	Approved Pending
Herrod, Michael	Approved
K.A.H.	Approved Pending
Hilton, Steve O.	Approved
A.K.H.	Pending
Hogue, Beverly Ann	Approved
Hogue, Kelly M.	Approved
T.C.H.	Pending
C.A.H.	Pending
Horton, Jenna Marie	Approved
Howe, Carol	Approved
Howard, Tracy M.	Approved
Hinman, Jeremy	Approved
Hoh Soon Kae	Approved
Holcomb, Lisa	Approved
Humphrey, William	Approved
Humphries, Sonya L.	Approved
Hussein, Daanarji	Approved
Hurtubise, Karen	Approved
Hyde, Flora D.	Approved
Idodo-Umaeh, Opal	Approved
Iramina, Chaeyun	Approved
Irwin, Jan Jerry	Approved

Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Johnson, Shamere R.	Approved
Joiner, Robert C.	Approved
C.H.L.	Pending
McCants, Kristal A.	Approved
Nichols, Pamela	Approved
O'Neal, Charles W.	Approved
C.P.	Pending

Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Rainey, Latonia	Approved
Richardson, Donna	Approved
Rodriguez, Mirna	Approved
Ross, April	Approved
Starman, Julia	Approved
Sterghos, Ignatius	Approved
Stinnette, Young	Approved
Thompson, Lea	Approved
Vecchiarelli, Diane	Approved
White, Anne	Approved
Wilkins, Renee	Approved
Wise, Chaye	Approved
Zhang, Aimin	Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by membership with professional massage therapy association:

Applications: A-I (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

E.A.	Approved Pending
Bagwell, Cecilia	Approved
Bennett, Amanda	Approved
E.B.	Approved Pending
Davis, Erin	Approved
Elvis, Regina L.	Approved
Gibbs, Antoinette	Approved
Hubeny, Susan P.	Approved
Hutto, Sabine	Approved
Hyde, Stephanie	Approved

Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Nelson, William J.	Approved
Pace, Kathryn L.	Approved

Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Uzebu, Allison	Approved
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Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by National Board Certification (NCETMB/NCBMTB):

Applications: A-I (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

Abrahamsen, Amy	Approved
Armstrong, Ji Hye	Approved
Aspy, Lisa Anne	Approved
Brady, Nanci L.	Approved
Brantley, Sheila	Approved
Cassas, Sonya	Approved
Castleberry, Frieda	Approved
Easley, Suzanne	Approved
Frye, Holly (III)	Approved
R.W.G.	Pending
Hazard, Sonia R.	Approved
V.L.H.	Approved Pending
Hurt, Carrie M.	Approved

Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Moon, Moungh Hi	Approved
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Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Reichmann, Wande	Approved
Richards, Vicki	Approved
Senter, Honey	Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by local government business license/tax forms:

Applications: A-H (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

S.B.	Approved Pending
Capell, Wi	Approved
Confer, Terri	Approved
S.D.	Pending
DuCasse, Shay-Ann	Approved
D.M.F.	Approved Pending
Gray, Keisha	Approved
D.H.	Pending
N.H.	Pending

Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Kim, Haeng C.	Approved
Lambert, Wanda G.	Approved
W.A.N.	Pending

D.S.P. Pending
Platis, April R. Approved

Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

B.S. Denied

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by state licensure in another state or jurisdiction:

Applications: A-H (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

Danneman, Mary Beth	Approved
P.A.F.	Approved Pending
Frederick, John B.	Approved
Garcia, Michael A.	Approved
Hathaway, Doris	Approved
Hawks, Tiffany	Approved
Howard, Jenifer	Approved

Applications: R-Z (Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist)

Shissler, Charles	Approved
Tackett, Stephanie	Approved
Turner, Donald	Approved
Van Dyke, Darlene	Approved
West, Patricia	Approved

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcript, appointment books, and tax returns:

Applications: A-H (Pamela Candler, Applications Specialist)

D.V.H. Pending

Applications: J-Q (Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist)

Kioulian, Larissa T. Approved

Additional Business Discussed

There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 02, 2007**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on November 02, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member
Steve Earles

Absent:

Kathy Lescak, Vice Chair

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Pam Candler, Application Specialist, Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Announcements:

No announcements

Minutes:

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to table the minutes from September 07, 2007 until the next scheduled Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Board considered the following correspondences.

Angela Kay Evans- Due to the length of time it is taking to become eligible to take the national exam, and to become licensed, will the Board consider issuing provisional permits?

Board Response- the Board thanks you for your written correspondence; however, the Board has previously stated that they will not consider the issuance of provisional permits at this time.

Richard C. Ellison, MT003023- the Board was unable to determine from the lengthy correspondence the specific intent or question being asked of the Board.

Board Response- Mr. Zimmerman stated that he would send a letter to Mr. Ellison and inform him that his letter was presented to the Board; however, they could not determine what information he was seeking and if possible, could he please clarify what he is requesting from the Board.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to direct the administrative staff to respond back to all correspondences that were presented to the Board as directed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Suspensions of Professional Licenses due to Default on Student Loans:

An explanation of how the Board staff is notified by the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation ("GHEAC") to suspend the professional license upon notification pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-3-295.

Mr. Zimmerman presented to the Board the notification to suspend the professional Georgia Massage Therapy license's in accordance with the law due to default on repayment of a student loan of the following:

- Page Jiles, MT002905; and,
- Marlisee Singleton, MT002693

Ms. Gaskill moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to suspend the above named license's to practice as a MT, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt of "Notice to Release" from GHEAC. None opposed, motion carried.

- Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board consider a policy allowing him the administrative authority to suspend a licensee's license once he has received the proper notification from the SOS Legal department and GHEAC, informing him that a licensee has defaulted on their student loan. Mr. Zimmerman will notify the Board of any/all suspended licenses' at the next scheduled Board meeting.

POLICY DISCUSSION:

License Suspension between Board meetings for Non-Payment of Child Support/Default on Student Loans

By this policy, the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy approves the suspension of licenses between Board meetings by the administrative Executive Director or

designated staff member to practice as a massage therapist in the state of Georgia upon proper notification to the SOS Legal Section of the Professional Licensing Boards division. The proper notification must be received from the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement division (DHR/CSE) (O.C.G.A. § 19-11-9.3) or by the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC) (O.C.G.A. §20-3-295) in accordance with Georgia law, and further, to allow the subsequent release of the suspension upon proper notification by DHR/CSE or GHEAC between board meetings. The list of suspensions and releases shall be presented to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for ratification.

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the above policy allowing suspension of a license for nonpayment of student loans, upon proper notification, between board meetings, and, further move that the listing be ratified at each subsequent board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (1) O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive information pertaining to Applications and to receive the Attorney General's and Cognizant's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Gaskill, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session. None opposed, motion carried.

Applicant Interviews:

D. L.D.

Ms. Gaskill moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the previous denial vote by the Board and consider the advice from the AG's office upon receipt. None opposed, motion carried.

C.H., Accompanied by Attorney

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted the denial of the application for licensure stands as originally determined, specifically, applicant does not meet the educational requirements nor can he establish to the Board's satisfaction of practice prior to July 2005 as defined in Georgia law and the Board rules. None opposed, motion carried.

I. A.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted that the application for licensure remains pending awaiting the receipt of additional information/Petition of a Waiver or Variance submission. None opposed, motion carried.

K.P.L. – No Show

U. T. – ED Zimmerman presented a photocopied document requesting the Board discuss all matters with regard to the applicant with a third party.

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted that the photocopied document was not acceptable; and further, the application for licensure remains in pending status. Applicant must obtain proper, original and notarized statement of authorization to speak to a third party on his behalf; Board requires correspondence with applicant, not third party who has not been granted permission (in writing) by the applicant to speak on his behalf. None opposed, motion carried.

Investigative Interviews:

T.J.

Ms. Gaskill moved, Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted to refer the applicant to AG's office for a Consent Order specifying certain stipulations regarding the issuance of a license to practice Massage Therapy in Georgia. None opposed, motion carried.

T. E. H.

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted that the application for licensure remains in pending status awaiting the receipt of additional information from the applicant. None opposed, motion carried.

Massage Therapy School Interviews

Two interviews were scheduled to be conducted with two separate Massage Therapy Education Programs who have applied for recognition by the Board as a "Board Recognized Massage Therapy Education Program". In that the two programs "applications" are still in pending or denied status, the discussions were held in Executive (Closed) session. The Board discussed each program and developed a listing of questions and concerns to facilitate the discussions.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded and the Board voted on correspondence of the Board's decisions regarding the two massage therapy education programs be conveyed in writing as discussed to the programs owners. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report

No Cognizant report Presented

Attorney General's Report:

Fabio F. Eccardi

Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public consent order for licensure by application presented by Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, informed the Board that at this time she has not received any request for advice or rule review.

Additional Business – AAG:

The Board requested advice from Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, on their statute with regard to Reciprocity (O.C.G.A. §43-24A-12) and Endorsement (O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-13).

Ms. Jackson commented that the Board's current rule, based on the statute, reflects the basis that an individual must have a current license in another state, jurisdiction or foreign country to apply by either method, and, that the Board has the authority to request the verification of an active, unencumbered license in another state, jurisdiction or foreign country. Additional comments from Ms. Jackson regarded the Board compile a listing of states requiring licensure that we may possibly accept an application by Reciprocity or Endorsement with and check on the following:

1. Try to determine which exam they require – equal to or better than the required exam for Georgia licensure?
2. Look at the education requirements – equal to or better than those required for Georgia licensure?
3. Look at Continuing Education requirements – equal to or better than those required for Georgia licensure?

The Board worked on listing states they initially felt Georgia applicants could apply by either reciprocity or endorsement based on having an active, unencumbered license in another state, jurisdiction or foreign country. Additional work to follow in subsequent meetings and consideration to be given to a proposed amendment or repeal to the current Georgia statute as written. The listing was based on the current AMTA list of states requiring licensure to practice massage therapy and their stated guidelines and verifications.

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Enforcement Report:

No report presented.

Additional Business Discussed

The Board voted to set an additional “work session” meeting date of November 15, 2007 in addition to the already established 2007 scheduled meeting dates as posted.

The proposed 2008 Board meeting dates were approved:

February 22, 2008

April 18, 2008

June 20, 2008

August 22, 2008

October 24, 2008

December 19, 2008

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____.